

# The Path finder Branch Number 59

Thirtieth Year September 2005 Bulletin No.8

# **NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - September 15, 2005**

# The Big Sir Challenge I for INFLUENCE By Howard Thompson

Webster defines influence, as the capacity of people to produce effects on others. In other words, sharing with the men in the Tri- City area is what this organization is all about. Is that what our branch of SIR is trying to accomplish? I HOPE SO!!!!!

With an increase of 10 new members in the first six months of 2005, our branch ranked 8th in the State. I'm somewhat disappointed about what happened last month with our membership. Several things happened and we lost 11 of our members for one reason or another putting our branch below where we started in 2005.

The goal of our branch was to invite 5 new guests each month to the luncheon meeting. You have to be proud because so far this year you have invited 31 guests and 26 of those have joined the Branch.

You have the influence with your friends to invite them to one of our meetings. **SO DO IT!** Make that call and invite someone to the September 15th meeting.

#### **BRING A GUEST - WE WIN**

#### Did you know??

Dr. Charles Wilkins invited 2 guests to our last monthly meeting. Good job.

Tom Sherba thanks the group for bringing in more than 100 pill containers to last months meeting. He is still collecting pill containers so bring more of them to the September meeting.

#### September MENU Roast Beef

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Steamed Carrots & Peas Green Salad - Rolls & Butter Coffee & Dessert

# Our Speaker Tommie Lindsey By Little Sir Les Addison

In September our speaker will be Tommie Lindsey. For more than 25 years, Lindsey has worked with students in the California public school system. In 1988 he started teaching at Logan High School where he is the Head Coach of their Speech and Debate Team.

As a 2004 MacArthur Foundation Fellow, Tommie Lindsey is changing the landscape of opportunities for at-risk students. In his forensics program at Logan High School, he instills in his students the importance and power of persuasion, based on clear communication, reasoning, and mastery of the facts. American high school forensics is dominated by a small number of schools located primarily in the most affluent areas of the country; by contrast, many of Lindsey's students come from poor families, broken homes, or difficult urban environments. He has repeatedly demonstrated that students can surmount these circumstances by force of character, personal experience, hard work, and commitment to excellence. By showing his students that they can compete intellectually at the highest levels and teaching them skills they can use throughout their lives, he has recast the imaginative possibilities for hundreds of young women and men; more than 90% of his students go on to attend college.

The subject of a PBS documentary Accidental Hero; room 408, Lindsey was featured on the "News Hour with Jim Lehrer" in 2002, and he received an Angel Network Use Your Life Award from Oprah Winfrey in 2003. Selected as the California State Teacher of the Year in 1994, Lindsey was then honored by the National Forensic League as their National Coach of the Year.

Mr. Lindsey will talk to us about his forensics class at James Logan High School. He is bringing a couple of his students to the meeting.

If you are <u>not</u> coming or if you are bringing a guest or visitor <u>Don't forget to Call</u> on the Monday before the Meeting - or earlier

Fred Gotthardt - 797-4592 or Manuel Silva - 792-5484 or Arnold Mozzetti - 797-2127

# Branch 59 **Officers**

Bia Sir

**Howard Thompson** (510) 656-6132

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#### **Directors**

Lloyd Anderson Don Gillis Bill Leake Robert Ralston Tom Sherba Arthur Winkley

#### Branch 59

Meets at Swiss Park 5911 Mowry Avenue Newark on the 3rd Thursday of each month 10:15AM **Executive Board Meeting** 11AM Social Hour 12 Noon Lunch

> **A Nonprofit** public benefit corporation for retired men



#### **Edited Excerpts from August 18th Minutes of Al Wydler**



9:30 am, to discuss methods report was accepted. of defraying increased charges announced by Swiss Park.

such as, a quarterly raffle,

cover insurance costs, selling "door prize" who are legitimately absent from the luncheon. A decision was made to increase the lunch charge to \$11.00 and social events to \$18.00. Bowling Chairman. This should enable our net balance to remain within State SIR recommendations.

The regular meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 10:20 am.

Following The Pledge of Allegiance, roll from 65 to 93. call showed 5 officers and 6 directors to be present.

The Minutes of July 21 were accepted.

Big Sir Howie Thompson informed the Board that Tom Sherba was elected Governor, Area 8, for the year of 2006. He advised us to read SIR Happenings, especially page 10, and proudly us that golf dues of \$26.00 are due. Hank announced that Branch 59 is ranked eighth by the State. The July open seating arrangement Championship. Upcoming events are at was satisfactory.

Treasurer, Sir Lou Bufkin, reported a

# SIR OF THE MONTH **Wayne Adams**

Wayne is our dedicated Branch 59 Librarian.

Wayne retired after 32 years in sales from Sears in 1992. In the spring of 2003 a friend from his church, Gordon Thatcher, invited him to attend the SIR



luncheon. He enjoyed the meeting and met several men he had worked with at Sears, including his first boss, Lee Updegraff.

He always enjoys the monthly luncheons and the speakers are always good. It is fun to get together with a bunch of great guys. He likes bowling on Mondays with the SIR group at Mowry Lanes. He loves to read so enjoys working as librarian for Branch 59 and will continue as long as his health permits.

Wayne needs an assistant to help him. If this is an interest, contact him at the meeting. He appreciates the men that have helped him so far this year.

A special meeting of the balance of \$2539.98. All expenses, including Executive Board was held, at \$304.75 assessment, were paid. Treasurer's

Attendance Chairman. Sir Fred Gotthardt, reported that he expects 200 in attendance At this meeting various today. Cybergeezers will meet August 30th, at suggestions were considered 2:00 pm, in the Fremont Main Library.

Membership Chairman, Sir Ed Bingle, charging all members a pro-rated sum to reported that he expects 4 new members. 4 members to be transferred to inactive status, 2 tickets or a collection basket. Most of these members resigned and 2 members terminated were considered unreliable or unfair to those per rule 100. He has contacted 14 members regarding poor attendance.

Sir Nat Lord has been nominated for State

Sir Rollin Cunningham announced a Bowling tournament October 2 and 3 at Melody Lanes.

Birthday Chairman, Sir Art Winkley, announced 16 Birthdays in August. Ages range

Pathfinder Editor, Sir John Skarpelos, announced an August 26th copy input deadline.

Greeter Chairman, Sir Bruno Orsetti, will be absent today. Volunteers were requested.

Golf Chairman, Sir Bill Leake, reminds Scherer represented our branch in the State Solvang, Poppy Hills and Ixtapa, Mexico.

Social Chairman, Sir Tony Zeuli, has arranged music for the December Christmas Luncheon.

Sunshine Chairman, Sir Dave Marymee, reports we have six hospitalized members.

Sir Tom Sherba still requests empty "Pill" containers to be refilled for the needy.

Song Leader, Sir Frank Campos, will lead us in "God Bless America" and sing a solo, "Funiculi-Funicula."

Sir Jack Lindley will be awarded "Sir of the Month," having provided five new members and six quests.

Sir Don Henry expressed appreciation for those attending the funeral of his Daughter in Law. He has \$3.25 calculators for sale.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:05 am. Respectfully submitted. Alfred Wydler, Secretary



## **July 2005 Financial Report** by Lou Bufkin

A general cash balance of \$2713.80 and a custodial cash balance of \$813.13 was on hand at the beginning of July.

Ending cash balance for the month of June was \$2539.98.

### MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

by Sir Ed Bingle, Sir Fred Gotthardt, and Sir Art Winkley



# **Membership Report**

Guests:Guest of:Aaron WongLee MineauRobert EustisBob IngebretsonEd KnelerCharles WilkinsCharles MartinekCharles Wilkins

# Visitors: Visiting from: Mel Glanz Big Sir Hesperian Br 26 Emile Lassalle Travel Chairman Hesperian Br 26

#### Membership Total (as of August 18, 2005)

**260** — Active Members

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#### **Change of Status:**

William Fu	Dropped (Rule 100)
Jan Wells	Dropped (Rule 100)
Adrian Fuller	Resigned
Ralph Sarmento	Resigned
Ed Pierick	To Inactive
Richard Ahern	To Inactive
William Wilson	To Inactive
Chris Lemler	To Inactive

### **Attendance Report**

(For August 18, 2005)

Members	172
Guests	4
Visitors	2
Speakers	2
Total =	200

56 excused 34 unexcused

### **New Member**

#### Gene R. Lim

44444 Parkmeadow Drive Fremont, CA 94539-6582

510-656-1005

Email: gener\_lim@yahoo.com

Birthday: 7/4/1940 Spouse: Mary K. Badge No. 67

Sponsor: Gordon MacLeod

Call me: Gene



Sir **Ed Bingle**, Membership Chairman, on the right is working with his assistant, Sir **Frank R. Thomas**, signing in guests and new members for Branch 59.

# September Birthdays

Tom Dehart	09/23/1916	89
Gerald Desmond	09/18/1920	85
Lee Updegraff	09/21/1920	85
Roy Johnson	09/04/1923	82
Mike Whitfield	09/08/1924	81
Joe Barrera	09/09/1924	81
Raymond Erickson	09/12/1925	80
Harry Gardiser	09/01/1927	78
Joe Markovich	09/26/1927	78
John Skarpelos	09/09/1928	77
David Priego	09/12/1929	76
G. Austin Smith	09/19/1929	76
Armando Castiglioni	09/02/1930	75
Arthur Lampert	09/24/1930	75
Glenn Bachelder	09/20/1931	74
Donald Eliason	09/25/1932	73
Vincent Fernelius	09/15/1933	72
Vern Talley	09/24/1933	72
Arthur Slauer	09/02/1936	69
Arthur Kuhlmann	09/14/1936	69
Robert Matthies	09/15/1937	68
John Trischetti	09/17/1938	67
Robert Ingebretson	09/08/1940	65



#### PATHFINDERS WALKING AND HIKING GROUP

Meet Wednesday mornings at 8 AM at the Park at Paseo Padre and Isherwood. Everyone welcome and bring a friend.

Don Henry at 656-5659.

#### **BRIDGE GROUPS**

We have four bridge groups: Three of them are evening two-table groups and each meets monthly. The 4th bridge group welcomes all members and meets after the monthly meeting.

Drag Dutina - 657-1037

#### READERS AND BROWSERS

Bring your magazines and books to share.

Wayne Adams 797-7611





# **SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES**

# **Strikes and Spares**by Rollin Cunningham

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	176	460
Ralph Bain	197	551
Gary Bennett	225	510
Frank Cordova	220	589
At Costa	182	518
Ray Erickson	204	522
Ray Faria	148	421
Don Henry	224	550
Darrell Jewell	134	384
Roy Johnson	194	492
Jim Lawrence	168	446
Nat Lord	218	593
Bob Snodgrass	170	491
Frank Thomas	133	355
Art Winkley	171	479

Bowling every Monday at 1:00 PM at Mowry Lanes with an average of 12 Sirs in attendance. Attendance is optional and everybody is welcome. Handicap bowling at \$4.50. There is an average of two monthly optional out of town SIR bowling tournaments . Singles, Doubles, and all events. Cost about \$31 driving is shared and riders contribute \$5 each



to the driver to offset gasoline cost. Generally four or more Sirs attend. Many thanks are gratefully given to Sirs Nat Lord, Art Winkley, and Bob Snodgrass for doing the bowling paper work while both the Chairman and Assistant were/are ailing. Next out of town bowling: September 22 at Dublin, doubles and singles.

Unconfirmed report Branch 59 team placed third in the Reno Bowling tournament.

#### CYBERGEEZER SEPTEMBER MEETING

When - Tuesday, September 20th. 2:00pm (1400) to 4:00pm (1600). Where - Fremont Main Library, Fremont Fukaya A room.



Please Note:
I finally got the date I wanted!
Cheers
Fred

# **Golf Notes**

#### by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column. Dues Dues Dues. Dues for the year 2006 will remain at \$26 and are payable now. Deadline is November 30, 2005. Give checks to me or Send check to Bill Leake at PO Box 434, Fremont, CA 94537, and

Leake at 793-6561.



make check out to SIR branch 59. No cash please.

Thanks Bill Dark for calling in tee times for August. Also, thank you John Trischetti for calling in tee times for September. We need volunteers — many of you reading this column play every week and have never called in tee times. Who do you think sets up these times???? Your fellow players do. We need your help. So, volunteer please. We need help! We have openings for December of this year and next year is wide open. We need your help! Call Bill

**Post – Don't forget** to post after you play each round. Either on the machine or via internet is OK – but please post your score.

**Most improved** – *July to mid-August* -- Number in () is number of strokes index was reduced in this period – **Tony Martinez** (1.067), **John Trischetti** (1.035); and **Armando Castiglioni** (1.034). Congratulations!

Congratulations Hank Scherer who successfully represented Branch 59 in the just completed state team championship. Hank's team finished respectably – not in the money, however. Congratulations Hank for being our lone representative this year.

Looking **forward** – It looks like next year (2006) we will have the following:

**Las Vegas** – two sessions each, in March **Reno** – two sessions in June (look for newsletter from
Circus Circus mid-March). Don't be late in signing up and
don't wait for the post office – be pro-active

Solvang – one session sometime in September

Mexico – two sessions sometime in November

In addition, we will have individual pre-qual for state
championship in May, and team qualification in July.

Plus lots more. There is a lot going on with golf. If you
come out regularly, please continue to do so. If you want to
participate in any of these activities listed above, check this

come out regularly, please continue to do so. If you want to participate in any of these activities listed above, check this column monthly or call me – I will get you involved if this is what you want.

**Website for SIR Golf?** <u>SIRINC.ORG</u>. Go to Activities, and then golf.

Speaking of golf, we golf on Mondays and Thursdays at Sunol. Everyone posts after they play, don't they!!

Golfers and hackers -- come join us. Call Sunol for the time -- 888-848-8693 – ask for Leake. New to our group -- call me at 793-6561. Thank you

Bíll Leake

#### **SPORTS BY NAT LORD**

See you next year at the Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants.

#### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee and Bob Walter

LES ADDISON's (Little Sir) wife, LaVonne, reports on a trip to Hawaii Les had a stay in a hospital because of a liver problem. Les missed the SIR August Board meeting and luncheon as he was scheduled for a biopsy of the liver. We hope your condition improves for the better, Les. We missed your presence.

**EDWARD BALDINI** missed his August birthday luncheon due to resumption of chemotherapy for prostate cancer. We wish Ed many more birthday celebrations.

**ROBERT DESCH** is suffering from Alzheimer's syndrome. He is at Aegis of Fremont on Walnut.

**ROY DUARTE** says he is doing okay. Roy is on nightly dialysis. This frees him for daytime activities.

**DAVE DUNLAP** says he is taking all kinds of medication for a recent illness. He says he is able to drive but uses a walker to get around. We wish Dave a happy August birthday and many more in the future.

BEN FERNANDEZ had a diabetic episode at the August luncheon. He experienced a fainting spell due to low blood sugar. Firemen medics responded immediately to a 911 call. After help from Swiss Park cooks, who provided orange juice and the aid of the firemen, Ben's condition improved. We are thankful for the helpful cooks and the firemen.

RAY JARVIS' wife, Betty, who is afflicted with Alzheimer's, recently suffered a stroke. Betty is in a nursing facility. Ray is bedfast at Country Drive Care Center. Ray likes visitors. Bring a book as Ray likes to read.

MARTY SPELLMAN had a recent operation for repair of an Achilles tendon on his left ankle and it will be in a cast for 6 weeks. Martin has had his right ankle replaced earlier. He attended the August luncheon. Martin is missing a vacation in Maine.

CHARLIE SWANSON said he made his first auto trip to Kaiser Pharmacy Sunday Aug 14. Since partial amputation of the toes on his right foot, he has been bedfast and wheel chair dependent. Charlie will miss attending SIR luncheons as his foot is slow healing due to a diabetic and congestive heart condition. We are hoping the best for Charlie.

JACK WEBB attended the August luncheon. Jack has to special order pick up service to and from Swiss Park as Jack is motorized wheel chair bound. We like to see you at the luncheon Jack, as we like to pick up and have a sip of your Virgin Mary drink order.

In the photo below Big Sir Howie Thompson is introducing officers and directors elected for 2006. From left to right Bob Benya, director, Drag Dutina, chairman of the Nominating Committee, Ted Bresler, Little Sir, Peter Angelices, Assistant Secretary, Don Gillis, director, Lloyd Anderson, Director, Art Winkley, director and Bill Leake, director. Treasurer Lou Bufkin and his assistant, Bobby Ben Snodgrass are shown in the photo to the right collecting money for the luncheon while the other picture was taken. Big Sir Les Addison was in the hospital and Secretary Alan Sprague was absent.





# Travel Tidbits for Area 8 Emile Lassalle

#### September 20th: APPLE HILL

This is a tour that always sells out fast. We go by Placerville in the Mother-Lode country. A guided tour of Apple Hill area, and the BBQ lunch including Apple Pie.

COST: \$46 per person

ESCORT: Frank Cerruti 510-568-8361

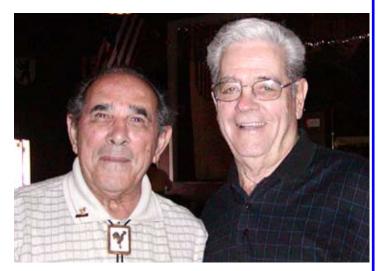


#### October 23 - November 5: CRUISE CANADA & COLONIAL AMERICA

We fly to Montreal for a nights stay, next day on to Quebec, guided tours in both cities. At Quebec we transfer to the pier and board the Sea Princess. Our ports we will stop at are Sydney & Halifax, Nova Scotia. Bar Harbor, Boston, New Port, New York, Norfolk, Charleston and Ft. Lauderdale. From here we are transferred to the airport for our flight home.

COST: \$ 2653-\$3453 per person, double occupancy. Still taking Reservation, inside rooms only.

ESCORT: Emile Lassalle: 510-538-746



Emile Lassalle, Travel Chairman for Hesperian Branch 26 and other branches in Area 8 is on the left. Big Sir Mel Glanz of Hesperian Branch 26 is on the right. They were visitors at the Branch 59 luncheon meeting last month.

#### October 7th: COLUSA INDIAN CASINO

This is a 4 hour turnaround. Bus is limited to 55 members and guests so when you receive the flyer send it to the Escort with your payment. This bus will fill up fast. Bonus package over \$18 in value.

COST: \$21.50 per person

ESCORT: Frank Cerruti 510-568-8361



#### December 7th: IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS

- 12:15 pm—leave Southland for the Golden Gate Theatre
- 2:00 pm, Wednesday Matinee at the Golden Gate Theatre—seating on the main floor, best seats in the house
- 5:30 pm—Hosted Italian Dinner at Caesar's Restaurant in North Beach
- 8:30 pm—approximate arrival home at Southland

Only 42 tickets have been reserved for this performance. This will be the last travel activity for the Branches in 2005 and I hope you join us for an enjoyable time.

**COST:** \$147 per person, includes all taxes and tips. **ESCORT:** Lyle Kreger 510-278-9167 or Emile Lassalle for more detailed information at 510-538-7463.

# Help us Plan for 2006

Day Trips and Travel Tours are now being arranged for 2006. If you have any ideas about trips you might want us to arrange, please let us know what your wishes are.

Email to Emile Lassalle at

sirs26@earthlink.net

or mail to

Emile Lassalle 19574 Stanton Avenue Castro Valley, CA 94546



Big Sir Howie Thompson introduces new member Gene R. Lim at last months luncheon meeting





Big Sir Howie Thompson and his wife Nancy recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

August Luncheon speakers, Chuck Guaraglia and Gary Owens

Chairman of the Attendance Committee, Fred Gotthardt in the center is assisted by Alan Douglass on the left and Manuel Silva on the right.



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#### PATHFINDER DEADLINE

The next issue of the Pathfinder will be in October and the copy deadline will be Friday, September 23, 2005.

#### PAST BIG SIRS

1976 Peter Clark\*

1977 Karl Heine\*

1978 Harry Cooper

1979 Kenneth Foster\*

1980 Larry Varblow\*

1981 Guido Milano\*

1982 Alex Fulton\*

1983 Stephen Epler\*

1984 George Herman\*

1985 Ray Crosby\*

1986 Loran Coburn\*

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2000 Harry Heyen\*

2001 Bob Beam

2002 Rollin Cunningham

2003 Don Henry

2004 Tom Sherba

\*(deceased)